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Welcome to Sandygate for the final warm up game before the 2004-5 season begins in earnest in four days time. Firstly I must thank Sheffield Wednesday for kindly sending a team this evening and welcome their supporters and officials to the oldest football ground in the world.

The summer has been fairly quiet for manager Guy Glover with only two moves confirmed, Matt Roney moving to Buxton and Craig Pinder returning to Hallam in the opposite direction. Pre season preparations kicked off with a 3-1 win at Staveley (J.Smith, P.Smith & Colley netting) while a strong Rotherham United XI, containing senior players such as Richard Barker & Paul Hurst, then opened the new season at Sandygate. The game proved an excellent work out for the side and we narrowly lost 2-1 with Jamie Smith again on the scoresheet.

Last season of course saw the Blues win their first major honour since the Sheffield Senior Cup back in 1968, when Mickleover Sports were beaten at Buxton's Silverlands ground in the League Cup Final. A late penalty won the trophy for Hallam and no one could deny the Blues were worthy winners after having dominated the game. Hopefully the new season will bring further success in what should be a highly competitive Premier Division following the promotion of last season's top three sides into the Unibond League.

Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Jason Dickinson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat.	21/08/04	LIVERSEDGE	NCEL -P	Away
Tues.	24/08/04	GOOLE TOWN	NCEL -P	Away
Sat.	28/08/04	GLAPWELL	NCEL -P	Away
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TONIGHT'S VISITORS.....

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY ACADEMY

The Owls Academy visit Sandygate this evening in their final warm up game before Saturday's big kick off at home to Bristol City. The 2004-5 season will see Wednesday – along with their contemporaries – field just an under-18 side after Youth football was restructured in the summer. The new season will be the club's seventh in the Academy structure since the format was launched in 1998 although in latter years results have suffered alongside the clubs' first team and reserve sides. However results are not the most important at this level of football and this is perhaps proven by the fact that although the club's Academy side has failed to finish outside of the bottom two places in the last three years they have produced the likes of Richard Wood, Jon Shaw & Lewis McMahon for Wednesday's first team. Paradoxically in the club's debut Academy season Wednesday finished runners-up and reached the National Play Off Final – losing in the last minute of extra time to West Ham United – but only Leigh Bromby went on to figure on a regular basis in league football.

Before being awarded Academy status Wednesday had spent a solitary season in the short lived F.A. Premier Youth League (winning the Northern Conference) whilst prior to 1997 they competed in the old Northern Intermediate League. Wednesday joined the competition in 1958 and finished seventh in their inaugural season, playing home games at Owlerton Stadium. Despite playing in the league for almost 40 years the Owls never managed to lift the N.I.L. championship but did reach a multitude of League Cup Finals, winning in 1982, 1989 & 1993. Previous to playing in an organised youth competition the club's junior side competed in the Sheffield based Hatchard League, which included such long forgotten names as Steel Peach & Tozer, Edgar Allen Sports & Old Centralians plus some clubs still around today – Sheffield Club & Penistone Church to name two. The Owls first ever Youth game was a 2-0 win against the latter in September 1948 but in a decade of Hatchard League football Wednesday could not gain that elusive league title, frustratingly finishing runners-up on four occasions before youth football started to develop into the format we recognise today.

ACADEMY PROFILES

MARK SMITH

As a player Sheffield born Mark Smith was a classy central defender who graduated through the Owls Youth system – signing apprentice forms in July 1976 – to appear in exactly 350 first team games for Wednesday. His senior debut came at Colchester United in April 1978 and the unflappable defender became a regular under Jack Charlton and entered the club's record books when scoring eleven penalties during the Owls promotion season of 1979-80. His story was a classic tale of local boy made good and he remained a first team fixture until the mid-1980s when he faced stiff competition from the likes of Mick Lyons and Lawrie Madden. Whilst on the Owls books Smith also earned five England U-21 caps and his loyalty was rewarded in September 1986 when almost 11,000 fans attended his testimonial game against Sheffield United.



However despite fighting off competition to end the season as first choice he subsequently left for Plymouth Argyle where he remained for two further seasons, appearing in 97 games for the Home Park club. His next transfer brought Smith home to South Yorkshire – signing for Barnsley – and enjoyed a successful spell at the Oakwell club, including a goal at the Kop end for Barnsley on his return in April 1991! A £70,000 fee then took Smith to Notts County and after spells on loan at Port Vale, Huddersfield Town & Chesterfield he ending his playing days at Lincoln City in 1994.

It was at Sincil Bank that he secured his first back room position – as Lincoln youth team coach – and was later promoted to assistant manager at Notts County after having initially being appointed to the coaching staff. Before joining Wednesday as Academy coach in July 2003 Mark had been assistant director at Barnsley where he led the club's U-19 side to runners-up spot and the semi-finals of the prestigious F.A. Youth Cup in 2003. Not unlike his ex teammate Chris Turner he starts the new season with a new crop of players with Owls fans hoping he can replicate the success of the club's youth system in the late 1970s that brought the outstanding talent of Mark Smith into top-flight football.

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

Northern Counties East League – Premier Division

BUXTON

Ex Hallam management duo Kenny Johnson and Ronnie Wright have returned to Hallam for the umpteenth time to capture the signature of the Matt Roney, who progressed through the Blues U-19 side to score eight goals last season & gain a League Cup winners medal. The Derbyshire side have also raided our old rivals Sheffield Club to sign forward Jon Pickess who had missed the majority of the 2003-4 season due to injury.

SHEFFIELD CLUB

Ex Blues player Dave McCarthy has also been busy in the transfer market with Rob Ward (Ossett Albion), Brad Elam (Stocksbridge PS) & James Parkinson (Borrowash Victoria) all moving to the Coach and Horses ground. However in addition to losing Pickess, as mentioned above, McCarthy will have to cope without the services of last season's 30 goal top scorer Duncan Bray who has moved up a division to sign for Stocksbridge Park Steels.

Away from the field of play Sheffield officials have also been doing their fair share of globetrotting with the club honoured at a FIFA ceremony for their contribution to world soccer as the game's oldest club.

GLAPWELL

The summer saw Glapwell say goodbye to long serving player Chris Taylor who after 15 years (and over 500 first team games) retired due to a persistent knee injury. Also departing was popular manager Andy Kirk who moved away from the Mansfield area – he was quickly replaced by ex-Tamworth coach Lee Wilson

NCEL – Premier 2004-5

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BRODSWORTH

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GREG MASON

Greg is now in the second year of his scholarship after joining the SWFC academy in July 2003 and he will be aiming to cement a place in the under-18 side this season. His sharp pace and eye for goal makes the nippy striker a headache for opposing defenders and these attributes had a great impact when he topped the under-17 scoring charts two seasons ago. The 2004-05 campaign is seen as a big season for Mason to show the SWFC academy management team what he can do.

RORY MCARDLE

A towering centre-half who can also operate in midfield, Rory began his scholarship with the SWFC academy in July 2003. The Doncaster-born defender made nine appearances in the Owls' reserves last season and has his sights set on making the grade at senior level during the current campaign. A solid, athletic performer with an abundance of energy, McArdle is proving to be a formidable opponent and one who will benefit from playing with more experienced players in the reserves

SEAN MCALLISTER

An intelligent midfielder, McAllister joined the SWFC academy in July 2003 after Wednesday moved quickly to sign him from his hometown club, Bolton Wanderers. A tenacious, hard-working and lively player, Sean normally operates in the heart of midfield with his terrier-like displays making him a nuisance for the opposition. Always willing to learn and develop, Sean will be looking to continue after making significant progress last season.

JOE APPELEYARD

A right-sided centre-back, Joe hails from the Wadsley area of Sheffield and has progressed through the SWFC academy to embark on his scholarship at Hillsborough. The six-footer, who is renowned for his heading ability, put in an impressive performance on several occasions in the under-19 side towards the end of last season and will be targeting a regular place this term. The SWFC academy management team are hoping for big things from Appleyard, but won't rush him as the youngster has much more to learn.

ANDREW BROADBENT

A versatile performer, local lad Broadbent joined up with the Owls' under-16 squad last season but his progress was disrupted by a knee problem. However, it was always the SWFC academy's intention to offer the Wadsley-born defender a scholarship despite his injury as he showed significant potential during his time training with the under-16 side. Andrew, who can play at right-back, centre midfield or centre-half, is back to full fitness and raring to go this season.

THOMAS SPURR

Leeds-born Thomas is a left-sided centre-half turned midfielder after switching positions midway through 2003-04. Spurr is a natural leader out on the pitch and he put in some impressive displays in the under-19 side last term. A regular feature of the SWFC academy in the past three to four years, the tall, athletic and versatile defender also possesses a fine left foot. He will be looking to put these useful attributes to great effect against his opponents this season.

RICKEL WHITE

London-born White links up with the SWFC academy having previously been on the books of Wimbledon. The strong and competent midfielder has settled in well with his new academy teammates. Rickel made several appearances for the Owls' under-19 side last season, netting three goals in his spell at Hillsborough. The youngster will be looking to show what he can do as he embarks on scholarship terms at his new club.

KYLE FORES-CHAMBERS

Workshop-born Kyle is a lightening-quick centre forward who possesses a clinical finish in front of goal. A number of clubs scrambled to secure the youngster's signature but it was the Owls who nipped in to tie him to the SWFC academy on scholarship terms. Fores-Chambers was involved with both the Owls' under-19 and reserve sides in 2003-04, and will be eager to show the SWFC academy management team more of what he can do during the current campaign.

RICHARD JONES

Left-sided midfielder Jones swapped the red half for the blue half of Sheffield when he joined the SWFC academy from Sheffield United at the end of 2003-04. Richard's outstanding attributes are his versatility and his fine 'left peg', as he can play anywhere down the left-hand side, whether it be at left-back or further forward on the flank. The Doncaster-born youngster has an exemplary attitude and is a very athletic performer. Jones will be looking to make an impression on the SWFC academy side in the 2004-05 campaign.

SCOTT ELLIS

Born in Chapeltown, Sheffield, tricky midfielder Ellis has progressed through the SWFC academy to be handed a scholarship at Hillsborough. His abilities have been compared to those of Matt Hamshaw, as Scott is a traditional wingman who likes to cut inside and is also capable with both feet. A skilful player, Scott really made an impression on the SWFC academy management team in the final month of the 2003-04 season, enough to win the youngster a scholarship. They are hoping he will continue his development with full-time training.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY TIMELINE

- 1867 Formed
- 1882 F.A. Cup semi-finalists for first time
- 1889 Founder members of Football Alliance League
- 1892 Elected into Football League Division One
- 1896 F.A. Cup winners (2-1 v Wolves)
- 1899 Relegated to Division Two/Move to Owlerton
- 1900 Division Two Champions (100% home record)
- 1903 Football League Champions
- 1904 Football League Champions
- 1907 F.A. Cup winners (2-1 v Everton)
- 1920 Relegated to Division Two
- 1926 Division Two Champions
- 1929 Football League Champions/ Name changed to Sheffield Wednesday
- 1930 Football League Champions
- 1935 F.A. Cup winners (4-2 v WBA)/ Charity Shield winners
- 1937 Relegated to Division Two
- 1950 Division Two runners-up - promoted
- 1951 Relegated from Division One
- 1952 Division Two Champions
- 1955 Relegated from Division One
- 1956 Division Two Champions
- 1958 Relegated from Division One
- 1959 Division Two Champions
- 1961 Division One runners-up
- 1962 Best performance in UEFA Cup - Quarter Finalists
- 1966 F.A. Cup runners-up (2-3 v Everton)
- 1970 Relegated from Division One
- 1975 Relegated from Division Two
- 1976 Worst ever league position - 20th in Division Three
- 1980 Promoted from Division Three (3rd)
- 1984 Division Two runners-up
- 1990 Relegated from Division One
- 1991 Promoted from Division Two (3rd)/League Cup winners (1-0 v Manchester United)
- 1992 Founder members of F.A. Premier League
- 1996 Record transfer fee received - £4.6m for Darko Kovacevic
- 1997 Record transfer fee paid - £4.5m for Paulo Di Canio
- 2000 Relegated from Premier League
- 2003 Relegated from Division One

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

STOCKSBRIDGE PS

Steels boss Peter Rickcavage has been busy strengthening the club's playing staff after a disappointing 2003-4 season. First capture was ex-Sheffield United and Doncaster Rovers midfielder Steve Hawes (from Worksop Town) followed soon after by Matlock Town's experienced central defender Dave McNicholas. To complete the trio, Steels swooped for Frickley full back/midfielder Duncan Richards, who joins his brother Ian at Bracken Moor.

AFC TELFORD

After the dramatic collapse of Nationwide Conference club Telford United the fans were soon resurrecting their team in the shape of AFC Telford, formed on 28th May 2004, just 24 hours after the original club breathed its last breath. Talks with the Football Association resulted in the new club being handed a place in the First Division of the Unibond League and with a lease secured on Bucks Head it was all stations go for the club now totally owned and run by supporters.

However they immediately hit a problem as the new club looked set to be ineligible for this season's F.A. Cup and F.A. Trophy because they registered after the April 1st entry deadline. Thankfully the F.A. competitions department then made a dramatic U-turn and the new boys were allowed entry, possibly opening up the chance of a crucial financial boost to the coffers of the fledgling club.

UNIBOND LEAGUE

Division One 2004-5

AFC TELFORD
BELPER TOWN
BRIGG TOWN
CHORLEY
COLWYN BAY
CLITHEROE
EASTWOOD T.
GRESLEY R.
IKESTON T.
KENDAL T.
KIDSGROVE A.
MOSSLEY
NORTH FERRIBY
OSSETT ALB.
ROCESTER
ROSSENDALE
SHEPSHED
SPALDING UTD.
STOCKSBRIDGE
WARRINGTON
WILLENHALL
WOODLEY SPTS

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE - 2003-4

NCEL DIVISION ONE		HOME					AWAY							
FINAL TABLE		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GDF
P 1	SHIREBROOK TOWN	34	10	4	3	26	9	12	1	4	33	17	71	33
P 2	LONG EATON UNITED	34	10	1	6	38	23	12	1	4	25	17	68	23
P 3	MALTBY MAIN *	34	12	3	2	46	25	9	4	4	35	24	67	32
4	SUTTON TOWN	34	10	6	1	44	14	9	2	6	35	23	65	42
5	GEDLING TOWN	34	13	2	2	53	21	5	7	5	28	28	63	32
6	GARFORTH TOWN	34	10	2	5	33	23	7	5	5	27	24	58	13
7	YORKSHIRE AMATEUR	34	5	7	5	30	23	10	1	6	27	21	53	13
8	LINCOLN MOORLANDS	34	8	5	4	29	18	6	5	6	24	22	52	13
9	CARLTON TOWN	34	8	3	6	24	25	6	4	7	28	26	49	1
10	PARKGATE	34	6	6	5	23	26	6	5	6	29	27	47	-1
11	WINTERTON RANGERS	34	7	3	7	25	25	6	5	6	27	31	47	-4
12	ROSSINGTON MAIN SOUTH	34	8	1	8	27	27	5	4	8	29	35	44	-6
13	NORMANTON ATHLETIC	34	5	2	10	28	33	6	1	10	21	28	36	-12
14	HALL ROAD RANGERS	34	5	3	9	24	26	4	2	11	18	44	32	-28
15	WORSBROUGH BRIDGE	34	4	1	12	15	39	5	1	11	16	36	29	-44
16	STAVELEY MINERS WELFARE	34	3	4	10	17	31	4	2	11	24	44	27	-34
17	PONTEFRAC COLLIERIES	34	3	4	10	19	34	2	6	9	11	26	25	-30
18	TADCASTER ALBION	34	4	2	11	15	32	2	3	12	17	43	23	-43

* = Maltby Main deducted three points for fielding an ineligible player

HALLAM'S LEAGUE CUP GLORY



Top Guys: Guy Glover, manager of Hallam, with the North Counties East League Cup. Glover, in his first season in charge said, "All in all I am very happy with the way the season has gone. If someone had told me at the start of the season we would finish in mid-table and win the league Cup, I would more than have settled for that. It can be difficult in your first season as a manager but the players have responded really well. We have made strides forward despite the loss of Craig Worsfold, Marcus Wood and Jamie Smith for most of the season through injury, and Brett Storey with a long suspension. And I feel we now have a good foundation with which to build on."

Photo: Ben Lee

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Silver strike at last after 36-year wait

By Les Payne
LOCAL FOOTBALL

HALLAM hit the heights last night and their players and officials will still be on a cup winning high today.

On football's highest ground above sea level in the country, Buxton's Silverlands, Hallam climbed a summit they haven't reclaimed for 36 years - victory in a cup final.

They beat Mickleover Sports 1-0 in the Northern Counties East League Cup final thanks to an 80th minute penalty from Lee Melton.

Rather like this cup success, the winner may have been a long time coming but Hallam were undoubtedly the better side and deserve the triumph. They had an extra edge and sharpness in midfield, their football was slicker and they restricted the Derbyshire side to very few opportunities.

Two saves late in the first half denied Lee Melton a break-through and Hallam could not have been in front early in the second half when skipper David Hawke and Matt Roney had efforts cleared off the line.

Roney also shot wide, was denied by a line save and then got clean away only to fluff the chance and extra-time loomed.

But Roney made amends, robbing defender Mark Storzowski and things ended with Paul Wood being brought down for Melton to drill in the penalty.

Hallam: Spooner, Ashton, S. Mallett, Reynolds, Hawke, Campbell, S. Mallett, Wood, Smith, Roney, Tibbsham, Burns, Mazyuka, Hagan, Franklin.

Hallam silver bullet

Penalty strike ends long wait for major cup win

IT'S been an awful long time but Hallam showed they hadn't forgotten how to overcome as they lifted the Northern Counties East League Cup for the first time.

It was thanks to both the last time the derbyshire trophy ended needed space for some major sub-currents when they won the Sheffield Senior Cup.

Provided they can locate the best club officials and new grip the NCEL Cup a golden goal after their 1-0 win over Mickleover Sports at Buxton on Monday.

It was a well deserved win for the newcomers indicating the silver bullet Hallam had had

hardly justifying the number of chances they created in have scored a league match.

At it was they had in wait until the minutes from time and then it was from the penalty spot.

Lee Melton diving to the spot-kick after Paul Wood had been brought down.

This would have been a relief to the Buxton team Roney who found him starting on at least four occasions but couldn't make the opportunity stick although he played a major part in the

winner by robbing defender Mark Storzowski.

After only five minutes Roney showed his ability but then drove a free chance wide and then Lee Melton had two shots saved from good positions.

Mickleover were left to run a good chance for Lee Payne just before the break but Hallam - the sharper and more inventive side could have sealed it early the second half as they went up the slope.

Finey Roney, under pressure,

established wide and then was brilliantly denied by Spencer Mark Wilson. From the resulting corner, David Hawke's header was cleared off the line.

Roney then an effort landed on the line but when he went down through with 20 minutes left, it was a surprise to down shoot but the keeper forced him away from danger.

Hallam pressed again at the back, Mickleover threatened but without managing they'd scored.

Hallam: Spooner, Ashton, S. Mallett, Reynolds, Hawke, Campbell, S. Mallett, Wood, Smith, Roney, Tibbsham, Burns, Mazyuka, Hagan, Franklin.

It is the first time that Hallam - Buxton's second oldest club - have won this trophy in its 100th year. The Yorkshire League Cup.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE - 2003-4

NCEL PREMIER DIVISION		HOME					AWAY					PTS	G	D	F
FINAL TABLE		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				
P 1	OSSETT ALBION	38	12	6	1	35	11	10	4	5	4	126	76	39	
P 2	EASTWOOD TOWN	38	12	3	4	41	15	11	4	4	3	219	76	39	
P 3	BRIGG TOWN	38	14	1	4	43	17	6	10	3	3	203	71	33	
4	SHEFFIELD	38	10	6	3	36	18	9	6	4	2	222	69	24	
5	PICKERING TOWN	38	12	4	3	39	22	7	6	6	2	222	67	23	
6	GOOLE AFC	38	8	6	5	35	23	10	4	5	3	221	64	23	
7	BUXTON	38	8	6	5	37	25	9	6	4	3	225	63	19	
8	SELBY TOWN	38	9	7	3	53	29	7	4	8	3	328	59	29	
9	LIVERSEDGE	38	7	5	7	34	28	10	3	6	3	3830	59	14	
10	GLAPWELL	38	6	6	7	29	25	8	4	7	2	2420	52	8	
11	THACKLEY	38	8	4	7	32	30	6	5	8	2	2937	51	-6	
12	HARROGATE RAILWAY	38	8	6	5	41	34	4	7	8	2	2028	49	-1	
13	MICKLEOVER SPORTS	38	8	1	10	25	33	6	4	9	2	733	47	-14	
14	ARMTHORPE WELFARE	38	5	3	11	23	36	9	1	9	2	531	46	-19	
15	HALLAM	38	5	3	11	25	41	8	2	9	3	135	44	-20	
16	ECCLESHILL UNITED	38	5	5	9	29	36	7	3	9	2	338	44	-22	
17	GLASSHOUGHTON WELFARE	38	4	3	12	22	36	6	4	9	3	647	37	-25	
18	ARNOLD TOWN	38	6	4	9	22	29	4	2	13	2	338	36	-22	
19	BORROWASH VICTORIA	38	6	2	11	20	35	2	5	12	15	49	31	-49	
20	BRODSWORTH WELFARE	38	0	4	15	18	46	3	1	15	20	65	14	-73	

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

WAKEFIELD-EMLEY

The West Yorkshire club are looking to re-group after a disastrous 2003-4 season that saw them finish as wooden spoonists in the Premier Division. The Belle Vue outfit never recovered from the loss of manager Ronnie Glavin, last summer, to Barnsley's coaching staff and with Ian Banks in temporary charge they had just eight players with the season only a week away. It was no surprise that they duly lost six of their opening eight games and never recovered, suffering the embarrassment of last place just three years after finishing runners up on goal difference to Stalybridge Celtic. In October 03 the managerial reins were handed to long serving players Ray Dennis and Paul David but the duo could not stop the rot, finishing a massive 29 points behind the top 14 places that would have seen them join rivals Bradford Park Avenue & Harrogate Town in the new Conference North.

This summer then saw a farcical situation when the club's board decided to advertise for a new team manager but forget to tell Dennis and David! The former duly walked out in disgust - branding his bosses 'spineless' - but is now back at the club after crisis talks. Summer moves saw experienced players Mark Wilson & Miles Thorpe depart for pastures new while Adam Muller (Workshop Town), Robert Pell, Matthew Bland (Silsden) & Robbie Painter (Bradford PA) all arrived as Wakefield-Emley try to recapture the glory days of six years ago when David led them to a F.A.Cup Third Round meeting with West Ham.

MATLOCK TOWN

Premier Division new boys Matlock Town also had summer managerial problems after having finished runners up in Division One under the ex-Chesterfield players Ernie Moss and Sean O'Neill. The duo then stunned Town by leaving for big spending neighbours Hucknall Town with the Derbyshire club appointing Phil Brown and Gareth Williams as joint managers.

UNIBOND LEAGUE

Prem. Division 2004-5

BAMBER BRIDGE
BISHOP AUCK'D
BLYTH SPART'S
BRIDLINGTON T.
BURSCOUGH
FARSLEY CELTIC
FRICKLEY ATH
GATESHEAD
GUISELEY
HYDE UNITED
LEEK TOWN
LINCOLN UTD
MARINE
MATLOCK TOWN
PRESCOT CAB.
OSSETT TOWN
RADCLIFFE B.
SPENNYMOOR
WAKEF'D-EMLY
WHITBY TOWN
WITTON ALBION
WORKINGTON

- 1860 Formed (second oldest football club)
- 1867 Youden Cup winners (first recorded Cup competition)
- 1903 Hatchard Cup winners
- 1904 Sheffield Challenge Cup Finalist (1-6 v Barnsley reserves)
- 1913 Sheffield Amateur League winners
- 1923 Sheffield Amateur League winners
- 1925 Best performance in F.A. Amateur Cup – Quarter Finals
- 1927 Sheffield Amateur League winners
- 1951 Sheffield Senior Cup winners (3-0 v Stocksbridge Works)
- 1952 Joined Yorkshire League – placed in Division Two
- 1953 Record crowd – 13,855 v Dulwich Amateur Cup (@ SWFC)
- 1954 Joint Best season in F.A. Cup – 2nd Qualifying Round
- 1956 Joint Best season in F.A. Cup – 2nd Qualifying Round
- 1957 Yorkshire League Division Two runners-up – promoted
- 1959 Record crowd at Sandygate – 2,000 v Hendon Amateur Cup
- 1961 Yorkshire League Division Two Champions - promoted
- 1962 Sheffield Senior Cup winners (1-1, 1-0 v Sheffield)
- 1965 Sheffield Senior Cup winners (3-2 v Thurcroft M.W.)
- 1968 Sheffield Senior Cup winners (1-0 v Norton Woodseats)
- 1981 Best season in F.A. Vase – 5th Round
- 1982 Founders members of Northern Counties East League
- 1983 NCEL League Cup semi-finalists (v Shephed)
- 1985 Placed in Division Two on league reorganisation
- 1986 Finished 5th in Division Two - promoted
- 1987 Finished 6th in Division One - promoted
- 1990 Demoted to Division One due to lack of floodlights
- 1991 NCEL Division One – runners-up – not promoted due to ground grading
- 1994 NCEL Division One – runners-up - promoted
- 2002 Best finish in NCEL – 3rd in Premier Division
- 2003 NCEL League Cup winners (1-0 v Mickleover Sports)

LEE BALL

Local lad Lee, from the Chapeltown area of Sheffield, has been a part of the SWFC academy on several occasions in the past and will now undertake his scholarship in the 2004-05 season. The athletic left-back is of a good build and likes to get forward with frequent attacks down the left-hand side. Ball is another of the new scholars who will benefit greatly from full-time training, with the aim of making an impression on the SWFC academy set-up.

DANIEL REET

Daniel has linked up with the SWFC academy after a year-long spell with Sheffield United, having progressed through the youth ranks at Bramall Lane. Now in his second scholarship year, Reet is a big, strong centre forward with a keen eye for goal and these attributes are expected to make the target man a real handful for opposition defences in his first season with the Owls.

DAVID COCKERILL

A left-sided player, David arrived at the SWFC academy having previously been part of the youth system at Sheffield United. The midfielder, who can also play at full-back, is expected to not only cement a regular place in the under-18 side but also force his way in to the Owls' reserves to build on his seven second-string outings in 2003-04.

Cockerill, born in Mansfield, was a surprise inclusion at left back in several of the Owls first team pre season games.

DAVID KNAGGS

Sheffield-born Knaggs joined the SWFC academy at the end of last season and embarks on the first year of his three-year scholarship. Local lad David, who spent time at Sheffield United as a schoolboy, is a tenacious defender whose unique enthusiasm to defend first and foremost rather than to get forward and attack impressed the SWFC academy coaches. David's other outstanding attributes are his desire to organise and communicate with the players around him.

JASON WRAY

A 6ft 2in centre-half, Jason joined the Owls at the end of last season and is now in the second year of his scholarship. Previously on Sheffield United's books, Wray is expected to become a regular face in the SWFC academy's under-18 side, whilst also aiming to force his way into the Owls' reserves side during the 2004-05 season. He is regarded as a very strong centre-back who is renowned for his steady heading ability.

JAMES BRACKENBRIDGE

Previously on the books of Manchester City, James attracted the attentions of a number of interested clubs, but it was the SWFC academy who won the race for his signature to bring the in-demand midfielder to Hillsborough. He has made several impressive appearances for the Owls' under-16 and under-19 sides in the past. A holding midfielder, Brackenbridge is an effective, intelligent and competitive player who will be looking to make his mark on the SWFC academy sides this term.

ROSS GREENWOOD

Ross is an athletic, hard-working, box-to-box midfielder who was previously on the books of Manchester United. The energetic York-born performer possesses strong tackling ability and looks to get forward and attack whenever possible. Greenwood trained with the first team squad for the final two months of 2003-04 and he will be looking to continue this progress by claiming a squad number and making an appearance at senior level during the 2004-05 campaign.

LUKE FOSTER

A proud Wednesdayite, locally-born Luke is a powerful 6ft 2in centre-back who has been a familiar face in the SWFC academy since becoming a regular in the Owls' under-15 and under-17 sides. Injury restricted his appearances in 2003-04 and so he will be hoping for an injury-free 2004-05 campaign in order to fulfil his undoubted potential. Foster is a committed player who shows good footwork, adequate pace and a sound mental approach.

ADAM OGDEN

Now into his final year in the SWFC academy, shot-stopper Ogden will be keeping his fingers crossed for his chance at first team level should injuries and suspensions require him to step in as cover for senior goalkeepers David Lucas and Ola Tidman. Adam, now in his eighth year at Hillsborough, missed some of 2003-04 through injury but has showcased his safe handling and fine shot-stopping ability at under-19 level. Described by the SWFC academy management as a 'lion' for his bravery.

LIAM NEEDHAM

A local lad and lifelong Wednesdayite hailing from Parson Cross, Liam is a versatile left-sided attacking player who is looking to make the most of his third and final scholarship year at the SWFC academy. After some niggling injury problems, Needham enjoyed an injury-free run in the under-19 side in 2003-04 and will look to build on that in the 2004-05 campaign. Able to play anywhere down the left and as a striker, Liam was previously involved in Wednesday's under-15 and under-17 sides and the FA Youth Cup squad.

ROB POULTER

A former Dronfield School pupil, Sheffield-born goalkeeper Poulter has spent six years on the books of SWFC. The shot-stopper performed well at the tail end of 2003-04 as his impressive form saw him promoted to first team action in the LDV Vans Trophy tie against Blackpool in February. This taste of the first team scene has given Rob extra confidence and maturity which will bode him well for in 2004-05. He represented England at under-16 level in 2001-02.

NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

WORKSOP TOWN

A real summer of changes at the Sandy Lane club with manager Steve Ludlam resigning in May to be replaced by former Wakefield & Emley boss Ronnie Glavin. The former Barnsley player joined after a brief time as assistant boss at Oakwell, which lasted only four months after new Chairman Peter Risdale told Glavin his services were no longer needed. The new man at the helm was quickly overhauling the playing staff and six players came through the door including several with Emley connections such as Miles Thorpe (Frickley), Mark Wilson (Wakefield & Emley) and Steve Nicholson (Farsley Celtic). Also signing were James Dudgeon from Halifax Town, ex-Blade Paul Dempsey (from Dutch soccer) and ex-Barnsley, Villa and Forest Green Rovers goalkeeper Matt Gent. Amongst several outgoings were player of the year Paul Sykes (to Stalybridge), ex-Owl Adam Muller, captain Linden Whitehead and 38 year-old Darren Bradshaw.

ALFRETON TOWN

With wealthy Chairman Wayne Bradley behind the club the Derbyshire based side are again expected to challenge for promotion after finishing an impressive 4th last season in the Unibond Premier Division. Town have further shown their ambitions by bringing experienced professionals Mitch Ward and Peter Duffield to the newly named Impact Arena

HARROGATE TOWN

Ex-Blue Lee Morris was in the news again after securing a move to big spending Harrogate Town. The North Yorkshire club paid a fee of around £5,000 for the forward who scored 24 times in 2003-4 for Frickley. He had previously failed to win a professional contract at Chesterfield and returned to his day job as a Barnsley based brick layer with his hopes of playing professionally dashed for the time being.

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PAST ENCOUNTERS - HALLAM V WEDNESDAY

In the early days of organised football in Sheffield the two clubs met on a regular basis at first team level – the first recorded meeting occurring in November 1876 when the sides drew 1-1 at Wednesday's old ground at Myrtle Road. However once Wednesday turned professional in 1887 the meetings started to decline and it was not until the middle of the Twentieth Century that the two clubs started to meet again, albeit the Owls 'A' team facing Hallam's first team in the old Yorkshire League.

The sides met on seven occasions in league and cup between 1957 and 1960 – Hallam recording two wins – but since Wednesday resigned from the competition in 1961 the clubs only meetings have been restricted solely to friendly games, summarised below:

21/04/64	Home	4-6	T. Wilkinson 3, Cooper
17/09/76	Home	0-1	
26/07/91	Away	0-2	
20/07/92	Away	1-0	Kay
20/07/93	Away	2-3	Tesh, Coe
31/07/95	Away	1-1	Hudson
14/07/98	Home	1-5	Oxley
03/08/99	Home	0-9	

LAST TIME – MATCH REPORT

Hallam 0
Sheff. Wed XI 5


A Strong Sheffield Wednesday side coasted to a 5-0 win over Hallam at rain soaked Sandygate Road last night.

The Owls went ahead in the 20th minute when Laurie Wilson rifled home from 25 yards. Wednesday doubled their advantage in the 36th minute when Richard Wood headed home. After the break Jon Shaw broke clear to fire in number three (55), Bromby headed in from a Cooke corner (58) & Shaw completed scoring (66).

Blues: (1st Half) Schofield, Mellon, Storey, Maybury, Hawke, Hayes, Parramore, Campbell, Worsfold, Smith (Bates), Broomhead (2nd Half) Spooner, Moult, Muzyczka, Clarke, Wells, Wood, Franklin, Campbell (Roney), Clements, Bates, Hoe

Owls: Pressman, Callaghan, Beswetherick, McLaren, Bromby, Wood (Foster), Cooke (Orlik), Wilson, Holt (J. Smith 66), Shaw, P. Smith

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NON LEAGUE ROUND UP

Northern Counties East League – Division One

STAVELEY MW

Big changes at the Derbyshire club where new management duo Rob Atkin & Marcus Brameld have secured the services of ex-Newcastle United full back John Beresford and re-signed former England International Chris Waddle. The ex-Owls winger joins the Inkersall Road club for a second spell after having played briefly during the 2003-4 season before moving onto fellow NCEL side South Normanton Athletic.

RETFORD UNITED

After making the required ground improvements by the 30th April deadline the ambitious Cannon Park club duly took their place in the NCEL after having completed an unprecedented Central Midlands League treble - winning the Championship, League Cup & Floodlit Cup. Talisman during the tremendous 2003-4 campaign was 72-goal top scorer Vil Powell but his two-goal meant it would be increasingly difficult for United to hang on to the ex-Sheffield Wednesday trainee. It was Nationwide Conference South club Grays Athletic who duly invited Powell for a trial and his two-goal performance in a pre season friendly against a Swindon Town side secured a two-year contract for Powell and left Retford with a large gap in their forward line for their first season of Northern Counties East League football. However with big spending President Dean Vivian still at the helm expect the new boys to challenge for promotion at the first attempt.

NCEL – Division One 2004-5

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Judd COLLEY	Andrew BROADBENT
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